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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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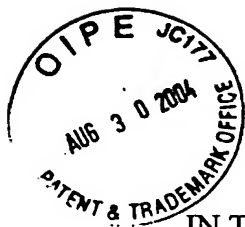
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of the relevance of a non-English language document follows. Document AL1 is in the Japanese language and was cited in the search report by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office in counterpart Singapore Patent Application No. 200400112-9. A copy of the search report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is provided herewith as Document AR4, along with an English language abstract of Document AL1 which is submitted herewith as Document AS4.

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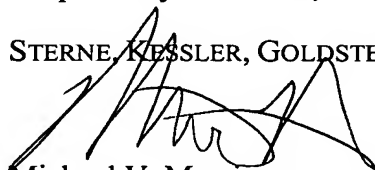
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